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# Sale of Fort Erie Race Track delayed

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Fort Erie Times

The process to finalize the sale of the Fort Erie Race Track and the entire 336-acre property owned by Nordic Gaming has hit a snag.

But Jim Thibert expects the deal will close shortly.

"The deal was supposed to be finalized on July 31, but the sale of the racetrack is imminent," he said.

Thibert, the general manager of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium, said Nordic Gaming, which leases the racetrack to the consortium, is in the process of selling the racetrack to a Buffalo-

based buyer. The delay in finalizing the sale "is just a blip."

Thibert couldn't say who the new buyer is or what caused the delay in the sale because "it's confidential." Once the deal is complete, the consortium will make an official announcement.

The sale didn't close Friday but Thibert expects the sale close within the week.

According to Thibert, the new owners are "very knowledgeable and experienced" in Fort Erie and well known to the consortium.

When the new owner takes over, "business would continue as usual at the race-

track" and the consortium will continue the same lease agreement it held with Nordic.

In a post on a social media site Thursday, Thibert expressed his excitement about the impending sale. "I can say that I am very pleased the deal has moved forward," he said.

The consortium leases about 130 acres of land from Nordic and there is an opportunity for other parts of the property to be developed, especially along the QEW.

The Buffalo-based buyer is interested in seeing this undeveloped property become available to "comple-

ment Fort Erie's dire need for industrial and development land inventory," Thibert said.

"The new landlords are very interested in collaboration and part of the development lands can be made available for the first time since 1996," Thibert said.

Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin said the sale of the Fort Erie Race Track "is a good thing for the town."

"It's something that we have been waiting for and it has the potential to be a positive thing for Fort Erie," he said. The Fort Erie Race Track hosted the 79th running of the Prince of Wales race, the second jewel in the Canadian

Triple Crown last Tuesday.

There was a spike in attendance, wagering, food, beverage and program sales. Track officials reported attendance was up by more than 1,000 from last year and 2,000 from when the race was held on a Sunday.

The race was also broadcast live on TSN as part of a hour-long program, highlighting the history of the track, its struggles, the town and the people in the Niagara peninsula.

The Prince of Wales Stakes brought national attention to the racetrack, which struck a three-year deal with the province in April to continue racing in Fort Erie.

To save Ontario's horse-racing industry Premier Kathleen Wynne committed \$500 million over the course of five years. The announcement secured race dates at the Fort Erie track and other regional tracks like it.

Fort Erie also kicked in an additional \$500,000 this year so the track could attract enough horse owners to host its 37 race dates.

*This story was published on Thursday at 5 p.m. Check online for updates regarding the sale of the racetrack by visiting [www.forterietimes.ca](http://www.forterietimes.ca)*

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# Man urges caution when selling or purchasing custom trailers

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie resident John Albano was taken aback when

he tried to sell a custom-made trailer he purchased in 2012.

Albano sold the trailer he used to transport his motorcycles last

Monday. When the buyer went to the Ministry of Transportation office in Port Colborne, the buyer learned the trailer wasn't registered to Albano.

"The person over the counter explained he couldn't transfer the ownership of the trailer to the buyer because according to their files, I didn't even own it."

With a printed ownership in his name, Albano was shocked.

"When I went to the office in Fort Erie where I originally visited when I purchased the trailer from someone else, I was told the trailer was registered

to a private owner. I had no way of contacting this person," Albano said.

"I was told it could have been a file error. Albano wondered what would have happened if he had been in an accident while towing the trailer."

"Had I not gone to sell the trailer, I never would have known it wasn't registered to me."

After the MTO investigated the incident, Albano said the MTO gave him the proper documentation which allowed him to finalize the sale of his tractor.

But he is concerned that there are no regulations in place that can prevent an error like this from happening.

Ajay Wozzageer, media liaison officer, said the MTO will investigate in these types of situations to correct any problems.

Vehicle or trailer owners can contact the MTO for assistance, he said.

When purchasing a vehicle, Wozzageer recommends people view The Used Vehicle Information Package which contains vehicle registration history in Ontario, including all present and previous owners in Ontario as

well as the municipality of residence, odometer information, vehicle lien information and the fair market value on which the minimum tax payable will apply and other information such as consumer tips, vehicle safety standards inspection, retail sales tax information and forms for bill of sale.

Buyers can find safety tips when purchasing new vehicles or trailers on the MTO's web site at [www.mto.gov.on.ca](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca).

Buyers should ensure the vehicle identification number on the vehicle matches the number on the vehicle's permit.

Also ensure to get the vehicle permit with the completed application for Transfer from the seller.

Get the Bill of Sale from the seller. Make sure the seller or fills out their name and signature, date, and purchase price.

Bring the plate portion of the vehicle registration permit.

Ask to see the Used Vehicle Information Package. If you buy the vehicle, make sure the seller gives you the package.

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# Fort Erie gets national attention during Prince of Wales

Ray Spiteri  
CMI Agency Niagara

It may have been Fort Erie Race Track's crowning achievement.

Seemingly on the brink of closure after each season, the historic 117-year-old border oval received remarkable exposure for last Tuesday night's Prince of Wales Stakes.

The race was shown live on TSN, as part of an hour-long, prime-time broadcast.

The network spent a good portion of the 7-8 p.m. time slot showcasing not just the history of the track, but also the town itself, its people and the Niagara peninsula as a whole.

Noting Fort Erie's geographic position near Niagara Falls, Toronto and Buffalo, the national broadcast profiled the town's mayor, race announcer, horsepeople and restaurants.

The track's struggles, trials and tribulations were highlighted, but presented in a way that showed Fort Erie's resilient spirit and never-say-die attitude.

"I think all of Canada saw how we're the little engine that could, that we're small-town Ontario with a big-city ego, that we're big league, too," said Mayor Doug Martin.

"Give us a challenge and we'll rise to it. Horse racing is not just about Toronto, it's about Fort Erie, too. I

hope the province is seeing this and will keep supporting us, investing in us. We're not asking for anything special, just a chance, just the same attention given to other tracks."

The track, and the entire 330-acre property, can build on its national exposure as it's about to be sold, said Jim Thibert, chief executive officer of the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium.

The consortium leases the property from owner Nordic Gaming, and operates the track as a non-profit organization.

"This offer took hold and Nordic accepted it. The lease with the new landowner will be the same as with Nordic," said Thibert.

He said the consortium leases about 130 acres that is used for the track, but there are "development prospects planned for (other) parts of the property, especially along the QEW."

Thibert said the buyers are based out of Buffalo and that the consortium knows and respects them.

"The land properly transaction does not affect the

operations of (the consortium) for the Fort Erie Race Track," Thibert wrote in a post on social media.

He said the consortium's board of directors have been introduced to the new owners.

"We are all looking forward to working with these new landlords and investors,"

Thibert said there is an opportunity for parts of the property not related to the track "to be made available to complement Fort Erie's dire need for industrial and development land inventory.

Meanwhile, the track continues to reap the benefits of the Prince of Wales race moving to Tuesday from Sunday two years ago. The move was made to avoid competition from bigger race tracks that monopolized the simulcasting markets.

"A race of our nature of \$500,000 doesn't stack up like the million-dollar races that the other tracks offer," said track chief oper-

ating officer Rick Cowan.

"This is our second year and our results from this year are significantly higher than last year. And last year was very good, too."

Attendance, food, beverage, program sales and wagering all spiked. Attendance was up by more than 1,000 from last year and 2,000 from when the race was held on Sunday.

There was \$533,848.80 bet on the Prince of Wales Stakes, the second leg of Canada's Triple Crown of racing. Since records started being kept, the previous mark was just over \$413,000.

"It's significant, especially in this day and age when you struggle to beat last year's results," said Cowan.

Thibert said Tuesday's race was the best performing Prince of Wales from a revenues standpoint, since 2000.

Having 10 horses in the field, and having the race broadcast on TSN, was also a big boost to the race. TSN showed plenty of scenes of

Niagara, which amounts to a lot of free publicity for the region.

"It really complements the whole atmosphere of the Niagara peninsula and the role Fort Erie plays in it," said Cowan.

The reaction on social media was equally positive.

"Wow, Fort Erie actually has something exciting," tweeted Caidin Driver.

"Strange seeing Fort Erie on TSN," tweeted Ed Barkley.

Thibert said TSN had been filming in Fort Erie for three weeks. It culminated in Tuesday night's

broadcast, which was as much a profile of Niagara as it was a sports telecast.

He said it was interesting to see Niagara from "other people's eyes."

Thibert said while many locals may see their community on a smaller scale, outsiders see the bigger picture.

"They see us as a nice unit," he said, reiterating a quote he likes from Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati. "One song, many voices, not one voice."

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The Hat of Hope Golf Tournament will be held Friday, Aug. 15 at the Fort Erie Golf Club at noon.

All of the proceeds raised from the tournament will be used to purchase hats for cancer patients.

"We've been doing this for about 12 years now," says Queen of Clubs member Joan Dubé.

The hats that will be purchased from the funds raised from the golf tournament will be distributed to patients at the Walker Family Cancer Centre in St. Catharines.

The price to play in the tournament is \$90 per person. The registration fee includes a golf cart, dinner and prizes.

Queen of Clubs member Wendy Gibson said the annual tournament is



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Queen of Club members Wendy Gibson and Joan Dubé invite the public to support the annual Hat of Hope Golf Tournament at the Fort Erie Golf Club on Aug. 15 at noon.

important because it touches so many lives.

"The response, from what we have seen, has been amazing," she said.

The Queen of Clubs also hosts other fundraisers which include euchre nights to support members of the community that are in

need.

"We try to help as many people as we can and make sure that all of the proceeds we raise stay in the commu-

nity to help people in need," Gibson said.

"I think it's also important that people know that 100% of the proceeds we raise goes to the causes that we support."

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# Niagara economy on slow rebound

Don Fraser

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Sunmier economic times are forecast for Niagara after several years of relative gloom.

That's the gist of a metropolitan outlook report released this week by the Conference Board of Canada.

A big part of that optimism comes from a slow recovery in manufacturing, shared by other areas in the country and driven by a strengthening of demand from the U.S.

"We are expecting a bit of a rebound, but it will be on the slow side," said Greg Sutherland, an economist with the Conference Board, after analyzing the region's overall data.

"We have a moderately positive outlook."

The report says real gross domestic product growth—a strong indicator of a local economy's health—has fallen over the past three years in the area. Last year's 0.6% expansion was the smallest since a contraction in 2009. However, the next five years will see modest uptick in GDP ranging from a 1.2% to 1.6% change per year.

When calculated from 2009-2010, it places the area ninth best out of 15 metropolitan areas in Canada. The area calculations did not include grimy and West Lincoln, which are part of the Hamilton metro census area.

Last year also saw a 4% decline in employment, with the unemployment rate rising to 8.5% from 8% in 2012.

However, the news again becomes somewhat upbeat, according to the report.

Employment is set to rebound next year and continue rising, with the unemployment rate forecast to tumble to 6.3% by 2018.

"In a nutshell very, very modest," said Dolores Fehliano, executive director of the Niagara Falls and Welland/Pelham chambers of commerce.

"But it is good news." She said the report pointed to the new Outlet Collection at Niagara in Niagara-on-the-Lake for its positive impact on slowing cross-border shopping to the U.S. while pumping up local retail

sales.

The report also points to an expansion in the troubled manufacturing sector by 3.7% this year and smaller hikes in subsequent years.

As another sign of a possible manufacturing rebound, it says Niagara Region's economic development department survey found three-quarters of manufacturing decision-makers expect their business to expand.

Construction has been painted as a weaker sector recently, but one that will also turn around to reflect 1.7% growth in 2015 and similar advances in following years.

"Manufacturing wasn't devastated overnight, it took 20 years to get there and (recovery) is going to be a steady long road," Fabiano said.

"I think when we get these little wins, we need to feel good about them and carry on."

Niagara Region director of economic development Bob Seguin pointed out the forecasts can be helped or hurt by changes in world economic and political conditions that can't be predicted.

"The outlook is more positive than one would have thought for the last couple of years," Seguin said, adding in some ways that reflects the national direction.

Seguin also pointed to investments by Niagara Region, other public entities, post-secondary institutions and the private sector.

Taken as a whole, they indicate "things working as they should. We should see a rebound."

That also includes efforts by Niagara manufacturers to "find new businesses, get their costs in line, be more competitive and open up new marketplaces."

"A number of things are in the right place (but) it might take some time."

He adds if things like GO Train expansion to Niagara and electricity rate relief for businesses take place, it could provide a further economic injection.

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## Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Robert Tripp and Charles Schooley who called in to identify most of the trophy winning players in last week's photo of a 1961 dart tournament.

They were from from left,

seated: John Barber, Cliff Wilson and Chuck Schooley and standing: Stan Hislop, unknown and Dave Symes.

This week's photo is of two firefighters.

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# From the gardener's journal: What is the 'Garden Club'?

Ruth Vold Markle  
Special to The Times

And are you embracing this greener summer?

Usually by July's final days we have dry grassy patches and the plants and vegetables are looking parched.

This has been the summer to refill the water levels and rain barrels. Hopefully the overall ground water will improve.

That is of course the good news for gardener's and maybe farmers. For those who embrace vacation and sunshine this past week has been less than ideal.

However, in my walks and tours, I see many beautiful gardens and still lots of bloom. Just pause a moment along the Niagara River drive just in town and see a hillside garden full of blooming cosmos.

I stopped to thank one of the owners for the hard

work and beauty. It takes team work to make it so lovely she shared.

I concur about the team work having spent some lovely hours weeding some of our civic gardens with my sister—she cleans up after me as I design and create—so thanks so much for all your help sister mine. You save me many hours of work by helping out. And the intelligent conversation is so much better than my own when I talk to myself.

I thought I would try and answer one or two of the questions that come my way each week. I do appreciate all the kind input and thought this is a good moment to try and respond.

A frequent comment or question is: "What is the Fort Erie Horticultural Society and what do they do?" I'll try and be brief.

The apron I wear when I work around town says the Fort Erie Garden Club but I am a member of the Fort Erie Horticultural Society

which is linked with the Ontario Horticultural Societies. We have in our district 13 societies from Grimsby through to ourselves and Ridgeway.

I suppose each society has an individual flavour or "scent" or emphasis, but we all belong to the Ontario Region that extends from Thunder Bay to Cornwall and includes many locations, larger and smaller. You can check on the history of the Horticultural Societies and you will find the emphasis on preservation of plant life and species, as well as a strong commitment to developing knowledge among youth and strength in conservation, particularly in the Niagara Region.

In my time here in Fort Erie I have found our Horticultural Society to be "down to earth gardeners... interestingly enough the motto of our society."

So why the 'Garden Club' on our working aprons?

I think 'horticulture' is perhaps in some minds a term not easily used or understood in its practical workings. For myself I can say our society, even that term seems out-dated to some, is a hard working group of volunteers, from the Park. We have an Adopt A Park partnership with the Town at the Waverly Beach.

You will see our sign in the flower bed. Also note the lovely echinacea blooming right now in that spot—three different colours.

We volunteer to maintain a memorial flower bed at the Lions Club and within the past three years we have maintained the front grounds at Gilmore Lodge. This latter opportunity was by request of the previous administrator who valued the outdoor space for the residents.

This past year we planted and have maintained a memorial rose bed at Gilmore Lodge.

Needless to say, we do

love to care for plants.

This spring, we designed and planted a small rose area at the Railroad Museum next to the new fire hall. We are very glad to be involved in these civic projects.

During the school year we volunteer with the Vocational and Special Needs program at Fort Erie Secondary.

This allows us the opportunity to share our particular skills and involve ourselves with the students and their events. We try and help where we can and when we can. We are truly 'very down to earth gardeners'.

Please give me a call or e-mail if you need further information on our Fort Erie Horticultural Society. This has been a great community group and helped me as I was settling into new surroundings almost four years ago—a nice little bouquet to the Fort Erie Horticultural Society.

You may recall I men-

tioned my mentor Gwen some weeks ago and my thanks for her wisdom shared so freely with me. This past week we received word that she has peacefully passed away.

A part of my own life goes with her. But to honor our her and because she also had this poem in her garden, I thought I would share it with you. You may know it already.

*"The kiss of the sun for pardon, / The song of the bird for mirth, / One is near God's heart in a garden, / Than anywhere else on earth"*

Gwen, you are closer to God now than you were in any earthly garden—thank you dear friend and mother mentor.

Until next week in more sunshine,

Keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Garden Club.



# opinion page

## It's time to prepare for going back to school

How do we know how quickly summer holidays are passing?

Civic Holiday has come and gone, festivals and cottage visits are winding down, and the Eureka End of Summer parties will be held at all Fort Erie Public Library branches next week.

Children and youth of all ages are invited to the Crystal Ridge branch on Monday, Aug. 11, on Tuesday, Aug. 12 to the Centennial branch, and on Thursday, Aug. 14 to the Stevensville branch, with each party beginning at 3 p.m.

Remember that the end of summer programming does not mean the end of summer reading or summer movies at the library.

Both continue through



**Amy Roebuck**  
Fort Erie Public Library

the Labour Day weekend.

One more sign of the season's changes is that many families are beginning back to school preparations.

It isn't just shopping for clothing, uniforms and supplies that must be done; there are even more important choices to be made.

One of the most challenging is the 'Home Alone' question: how does one know when their child is ready for this big step toward independence?

At the library, we partner with St. John Ambulance to provide the best preparation when that step is taken. 'Home Alone' for ages eight and up uses interactive games and role playing to teach the safety, first aid and comfort skills children will need to confidently spend afterschool hours on their own.

A 'Home Alone' workshop will be held at the Centennial branch of the library on Friday, Aug. 29, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Pre-registration is

required, and may be made by calling 905-356-7340.

A course fee of \$20 will be arranged with St. John Ambulance at the time of registration. Space is limited to 18 participants, so an early call is recommended.

A lighthearted romantic comedy especially for fans of Jane Austen's literature is on the calendar for this evening, playing at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch.

Austenland tells the story of Jane, a young woman so obsessed with Austen's characters it is affecting her love life. Mr. Darcy of Pride and Prejudice is a particular problem.

Jane books an unusual holiday at an English resort catering to extreme

Austen fans, and comes closer than she bargained to meeting her own Fitzwilliam.

Darcy, Jennifer Coolidge and Jane Seymour play stand-out supporting parts. Austenland will encore on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 2:00 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch of the library. Have you read the Jane Austen canon?

If so, have you read any or many of the books written in homage to Austen's memorable characters?

Everything from P. D. James' Death Comes to Pemberley to Pride and Prejudice and Zombies by Seth Grahame-Smith is available in the library collection.

Jo Baker, Stephanie Barron, Carrie Bebris, Amanda Grange and

Syrie James are other authors Austen fans will want to try.

Place a hold at any branch, or online at [www.fepi.ca](http://www.fepi.ca).

We are watching some popular favourites while we eagerly await their sequels in our family film offerings. Robots will be shown on Aug. 8 at 10:30 a.m. and Aug. 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch of the library.

How to Train Your Dragon will be screened at the Crystal Ridge branch on Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 2:30 p.m.

*Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.*

## Plato: Have you seen a red belly snake?

Shades of Crystal Beach historians, Paul Kassay and Rick Doan, one late September we saw the Crystal Beach Comet at the lake George, New York amusement park.

Shiny and refurbished we had come too late. The park had closed down.

Memories.

The other day with brother Ed at Timmy's in Crystal Beach I brought up the subject of riding the Comet.

I said that one day we rode the big coaster seven times.

He treated.

Twice at the rear, twice in the middle and three times in the front seat. We both agreed that the front seats gave you the greatest thrill.

Wait, Plato, this was supposed to be about nature.

Lake George, NY is called the Queen of Americas Lakes.



**Earl Plato**

I believe it.

It is 32 miles long and is fed by mammoth underground springs.

It includes 108 miles of shoreline and about 30 islands. The captain of our steamship, the Mohican said, "An Island maybe just a few square yards of rock peaking out on the surface." An island? We then passed an island in Lake George that was over a mile long.

Again the captain commented, "This a state owned island used for

camping. Wear high boots though for Timber rattlers abound there." Then he added that there's plenty of Red belly snakes there. Red belly snakes! That's what this article is really about.

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Over the years I have seen the Timber rattlers and the Red bell snakes. Locally, it was on an upward path at Short Hills Provincial Park that a Red belly was there before us. Only about a foot long it is a beautiful little snake.

Naturalist Ernie Giles turned the snake over exposing its brick-red belly. The photo above doesn't do it justice.

I had thought at first that it as just another Garter snake. Not so, Ernie pointed small black spots on the sides. He pointed to three yellow spots on the neck like a necklace. It had a white throat. A most



Red belly snake

attractive snake if you like snakes. Find a garter snake. Turn it over. You may have a Red-belly non-venomous snake!

Ernie told me, "Earl, smell this." Red bellies when threatened exude a musky odour. It did.

In all the years at Marcy Woods, which I believe is

mainly snake free, I saw just saw one Red belly near the path next to the Marcy pond.

Let me know if you have seen one locally. Call me at 905 894-2417 or e-mail [plato1@cogeco.ca](mailto:plato1@cogeco.ca)

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Good responses to my Witch's Broom article all

three from Port Colborne. Mrs. Acaster had the best. Across from her Morgan Point home a pine tree had three barrel-sized Witch's Brooms!

Amazing.

*Earl Plato is an author and resident of Fort Erie.*

# Siege to draw crowds to Old Fort Erie

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

The sounds of cannon fire will signal the 200th anniversary of the Siege of Fort Erie.

Heather Gorman, manager of Old Fort Erie, says preparations for the annual event are well underway and about 1,000 re-enactors are expected to participate in the two-day event on Aug. 9 and 10.

"Last year we had about 700 re-enactors so it's definitely a bigger number than we've had in the past."

Gorman says the Siege is a special event in Fort Erie that draws crowds from across Niagara and the U.S. The siege is also the largest battle re-enactment in Canada.

"We're the only fort that willingly blows itself up every year," she says.

"It's a fun weekend and



FILE PHOTO Fort Erie Times

Old Fort Erie will come alive this weekend when 1,000 re-enactors take to the battle fields to re-enact the Siege Saturday and Sunday.

it's a good atmosphere." The events begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday when the public is invited to visit the fort and camps on the battle grounds. Battles will be held during the day and an opening ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. A lantern tour will follow at 9 p.m.

"The best part (of the weekend) is the lantern tour through the fort," Gorman says. "The tour takes place during the siege. You get to see all of the confusion going on and it's something to see," she adds. A memorial service will be held on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

to honour all of the soldiers who fell in battle. The last battle re-enactment of the weekend, the American Sortie, will be held Sunday at 1 p.m. Gorman encourages everyone to attend the Siege at Old Fort Erie. "It's definitely fun for the whole family. If you're look-

ing for something to do, watch the battles for free and the camps are free to walk through." Admission to Old Fort Erie's day programs or evening lantern tour is \$12.25 for adults, \$7.95 for children six to 12, and children five and under are free. [sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca](mailto:sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca)

## Siege of Fort Erie

Saturday, Aug. 9

10 a.m.: Fort and Camps open to the public  
1 a.m.: South Field - Major Buck's Surrender & 'Stars and Stripes' run up  
Noon: Inside Fort - Uniforms of the War of 1812  
1 p.m.: South Field - British Artillery Demonstration  
2 p.m.: South Field - BATTLE  
3 p.m.: Camp Displays  
4 p.m.: Inside Fort - U.S. Artillery Demonstration  
5 p.m.: Fort and Camps will be closed to the public  
7 p.m.: Official Opening Ceremony  
8 p.m.: South Field - BATTLE - Drummond's night assault on the Fort  
9 p.m.: In the Fort - Lantern tour - "After the Battle" see the effects of the Failed British Attack.

Sunday, Aug. 10

10 a.m.: Fort and Camps open to the public  
10:30 a.m.: Memorial Service in the South Field  
1 p.m.: South Field - BATTLE: 'U.S. Sortie'  
2 p.m.: In the Fort - American Evacuation of the Fort & 'Union Jack' run up  
4 p.m.: Camp closed to the public  
5 p.m.: Fort closed

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# Anne-Marie Noyes joins race for mayor

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

Anne-Marie Noyes has joined the race to become the Mayor of Fort Erie.

Noyes made the announcement Tuesday night at the Lions Douglas

Heights Senior Centre that she will run for the mayor's seat during the Oct. 27

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Anne-Marie Noyes has announced she has joined the race to become mayor of Fort Erie.

municipal election.

Noyes served four terms as councillor from 1996 to 2010 as the representative for Ward 6.

During the Noyes served on council, she said she represented the Town on "many committees to deliver successful projects and improvements throughout Fort Erie."

Noyes was also appointed by council to serve on regional committees to bring forward "the town's issues and concerns."

During her time away from municipal politics, Noyes says she has remained "very active in the community."

She is a member of the Black Creek Stevensville Lions.

Noyes is also the chairman of the Fort Erie Hospital Service Advisory Committee and a member of the Community Gaming Development Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie and the Fort Erie Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation and the Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Board.

Noyes joins fellow mayoral candidates, former councillor Richard Berry, former Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce president Dean Demizio, former councillor Shawn McCooley, Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero and former Mayor Wayne Redekop.

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# Community kitchen to receive a facelift

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Salvation Army will receive a much-needed update to its com-

munity kitchen thanks to a partnership between local agencies.

Members of the Fort Erie Food Security Network, which consists

of stakeholders, dietitians, educators and members of public health who raise awareness about food security, invited the public to attend a free com-

munity meal at St. Andrew's - Knox Presbyterian Church recently to learn more about the Community Kitchen program at the

Salvation Army.

Thanks to a generous donation from the United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie, with support from organizations such as Bridges Community Health Centre, and local churches, health promoter Rhonda Barron said the Salvation Army received \$25,000 that will be used to update the organization's community kitchen.

Barron said the kitchen, which is currently used to host cooking classes, would "hopefully become larger" to accommodate more people and more programs.

"It really depends on how we're able to move forward. We have \$25,000 and we're trying to figure out how to best leverage those dollars. We want to expand the kitchen and make it a true teaching kitchen."

Barron said food "is just the beginning" in terms of teaching people how to live healthier lives.

"People initially come to learn hands-on cooking skills but they develop friendships. When those relationships develop, all kinds of amazing things can happen."

Barron said updates to the kitchen will include the addition of new gas stoves, burners and ventilation systems "in order to make it a true cooking kitchen."

Barron said volunteers including architects and electricians are needed to help update the kitchen.

"We would greatly appreciate people are willing to give their time and expertise," Barron said.

For more information call the Fort Erie Salvation Army at 905-871-1592. [sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca](mailto:sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca)



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie, along with local agencies, helped generate \$25,000 which will be used to update the existing teaching kitchen at the Fort Erie Salvation Army. From left, Bev Goodman, board member of United Way Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie, Dave Teutengren, vice president of the United Way, Greg Warkentin, executive director of the Salvation Army, and Rhonda Barron, health promoter for Bridges Community Health Centre.



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Participants in Bridges Community Health Centre's smoking cessation workshop  
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## Find help to quit smoking

➤ **Bridges Community Health Centre** offers support for individuals in need

to kick their habit by learning the tools necessary to quit.

Health promoter Rhonda Barron said the first step to quitting is finding support.

"Several people who have quit or significantly cut back attribute their success to the information, support and resources they received through the program," Barron said.

It's difficult to quit smoking, but Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie can help.

The health centre is encouraging individuals

gum and the inhaler.

The organization is able to offer free nicotine replacement therapy thanks to a partnership with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health's Smoking Treatment for Ontario Patients Program.

Bridges Community Health Centre is funded by the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network.

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I'm talking about ensuring that everyone, regardless of their employment status, receives a fixed amount of money so they can meet their basic needs.

Is it practical, or just a utopian dream?

The rational for a basic income is straight forward. Basic income can eliminate poverty, help close the income gap and provide the buoyancy needed to ride the tsunami-like waves of the labour market.

Some of you are reading this thinking there's no way we can afford to offer a basic income guarantee to all Canadians.

Others might think I'm out in left field, but before you dismiss the idea, I ask that you at least offer the idea some fair consideration.

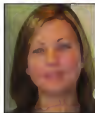
The first concern held by dissenters, one that tends to be voiced by fiscal conservatives, is that we can't afford it.

How about if I told you that we can't afford not to?

Poverty comes with costs—big costs.

Canada without Poverty estimates these costs to be \$72 to \$86 billion a year, and \$7.5 billion for Ontario.

Policy analyst John Stapleton says that the health care savings by



Rhonda Barron

not compensated in relation to its societal value. Just think of how poorly paid our child care and personal support workers are and what's more important than the care of our children and elderly.

A basic income guarantee is a person's basic needs are met.

If people want more, paid work will still be necessary.

In fact, most people

want to be better themselves and contribute to the community.

The principle motivation to work is not for money, but recognition, interaction and the sense of performing worthwhile activities. With a basic income guarantee people are able to pursue the most meaningful work of choice rather than be forced by fear to work. Writers, painters, musicians and others will be able to follow their

passion. Creativity would be the norm instead of the exception.

Finally, outsourcing and automated work is displacing people from paid work so much that basic income is recognized as an essential public policy response to counter these trends.

We need to re-establish trust in one another and support upstream investments in human development in order to avoid the

downstream costs of human underdevelopment. Imagine for a moment that positive changes economic security would offer to individuals, families and communities.

A basic income guarantee is the simplest solution to poverty and it is within our means

*Rhonda Barron is a health promoter for Bridges Community Health Centre.*

effectively addressing poverty will save us approximately \$30-40 billion a year, and that's just health care. The judicial system will also see significant savings. The rough estimate of investment required to eliminate the poverty gap using a negative income tax approach is \$25 to \$35 billion.

The other concern is basic income is a recipe for laziness, a strong belief that I work hard and so should you.

The poor tend to be stigmatized with laziness when in fact it is something that exists in equal degrees across the income spectrum, including the employed and the rich.

And, more importantly, the evidence to date shows slightly negative to negligible to positive impacts on work participation for individuals in receipt of a basic income.

Much of the work in our society tends not to be amenable to the paid labour market, and often



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# Floral bicycles take off in Crystal Beach

Beautification committee grateful for support

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

Every summer, the Crystal Beach Beautification Committee tries to do something "a little different."

But committee member Winnie Swalm never dreamed the committee's idea to recycle and decorate old bicycles would be so popular.

"We've never had the community as involved as we have with the bicycles," she says.

The idea to decorate bicycles with paint, and some flowers popped into her head one day while visiting a friend.

"The idea began, and I thought 'Who knows if it would work,'" she says.

Swalm took the idea to the Crystal Beach Business Improvement Association to garner support.

The first hurdle for the beautification committee to overcome was to find all of the bikes. Thanks to a local supplier in Port Colborne, the beautification committee got its hands on some.

With a little elbow grease, a fresh coat of paint and baskets full of flowers, the beautification committee soon decorated a dozen bikes and installed them along Erie Rd. and in other areas of Crystal Beach.

Swalm said the idea



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Crystal Beach Beautification Committee is grateful to see more than 90 decorative bikes which can be found in front of homes and businesses. The committee is encouraging other hamlets in greater Fort Erie to recycle old bicycles by turning them into decorations. From left, are committee members David Sheridan, Vivian Sheridan, Carol Uloth and Winne Swalm. For photos of decorative bicycles in Crystal Beach, visit online at [www.forterietimes.com](http://www.forterietimes.com).

caught on and the beautification committee was flooded with questions about where to find bicycles and how to decorate them.

"Crystal Beach now has more than 90 bicycles in the community and it seems to be catching on in Ridgeway, too."

She expects the bicycles to be on display "until Thanksgiving, or at least as long as the flowers will last."

If residents can decorate a bicycle, the beautification committee "will enhance it" by donating the flowers.

Advertising is also allowed but we ask that business signs are not too large," Swalm says.

The options to decorate bicycles are "endless," says Swalm.

Swalm recommends simple designs "are beautiful and classy."

The committee encourages everyone to add a little flavour to the community and decorate their own bicycles.

"All that we ask is that it is tastefully done," says Swalm.

If other beautification committees are interested in having decorated bicycles spruce up their neighbourhoods, Swalm encourages anyone who is interested to call her for assistance at 905-894-1093.

The beautification committee is also offering posters for sale of the floral bikes. The posters will soon be on sale at local stores in Crystal Beach.

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All Workshops are hosted by Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie. For more information call 905-871-7621 or e-mail emma.rhonda.barron@bridgeschc.ca

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## POVERTY REDUCTION

Join South Coast Residents Against Poverty, a community advocacy group that meets the third Monday of the month, 3:30-5:00 pm (fourth Monday on stat holidays) at the Fort Erie Salvation Army (255 Gilmore Rd.) to advocate for a poverty free Ontario Everyone is welcome.

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## Brick for a woman

A brick for the entertained lady from last week's Bricks and Bouquets. Maybe if you didn't give little kids the middle finger, you wouldn't get it back. Please stop talking about people behind their backs. People in glass houses shouldn't throw bricks.

## Brick for cyclists who don't obey signs

A brick for the cyclists who ride their bikes on the Friendship Trail and fail to pay attention to stop signs along the route. I live near the Friendship Trail and I have small children with me in the car. I drive on those roads that intersect the trail and I have been in situations where these cyclists go straight through without stopping at the intersection. I have my kids in the car with me and on more than one occasion I've almost come into contact with these cyclists when I was in the middle of the intersection. I'm worried people are going to get hurt because they don't stop.

## A bouquet for local speedway

A bouquet for the staff at the Humberstone Speedway in don't express thanks.

Port Colborne. On behalf of my wife, myself and other senior citizens who are race fans at the Humberstone Speedway, we would like to

thank you for installing the hand railing in the aisle at the end of the grandstand. Your response to my request was prompt and politely received. I spoke to several elderly patrons and all said they felt much safer climbing and descending the stairs leading to their seat. Although it is not significant to some, the railing is important to others. Most of all, your response shows that you really do care for fans that support your program week after week.

## Bouquet for cute grandparents

A bouquet to my grandma and grandpa. You're just so freakin' cute.

## Bouquet for coworker

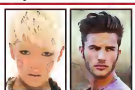
A bouquet for my fellow coworker for carrying out "Operation Kill Files." The office is slowly becoming a fly-free zone. Your dedication to the removal of flies is a dirty but admirable job.

## Brick for impolite people

A brick to people who don't say thank you. Don't you know it isn't polite when you

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## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2014

### NOTICE OF NOMINATION

#### FOR OFFICE

#### Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended

NOTICE is hereby given to the municipal electors of the Town of Fort Erie that commencing January 2, 2014 nominations may be made for the following offices by filing the prescribed nomination papers and nomination fee in the Office of the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie:

Mayor (1 to be elected)

Regional Councillor (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 1 (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 2 (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 3 (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 4 (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 5 (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 6 (1 to be elected)

Trustee, District School Board of Niagara (English Public School)

(1 to be elected for the combined area of Fort Erie and Port Colborne)

Trustee, Niagara Catholic District School Board (English Separate School)

(1 to be elected for combined the area of Fort Erie, Port Colborne and Wainfleet)

Nominations for the following School Boards having jurisdiction in the Town of Fort Erie shall be filed with the Clerk of the City of Welland:

Trustee, Conseil scolaire Viamonde (French Public School)

(1 to be elected for the combined areas of Fort Erie, Niagara Falls,

Peiham, Port Colborne, Thorold, Wainfleet and Welland.)

Trustee, Conseil scolaire du district catholique centre-sud (French Separate School)

(1 to be elected for the combined area of Fort Erie,

Peiham, Port Colborne, Wainfleet and Welland.)

A nomination form must be signed by the candidate and may be filed with the Clerk in person or by an agent from January 2, 2014 to September 11, 2014, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or on Nomination Day, September 12, 2014, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200 for Mayor and \$100 for Regional Councillor, Councillor or School Trustee, must accompany the nomination form. The fee is payable in cash, by debit card, certified cheque or money order made payable to the Town of Fort Erie. The nomination form must be certified by the Clerk before any person becomes a certified candidate for the office to which he or she is nominated. Candidates for French School Board Trustee must file the nomination paper with the Clerk of the City of Welland.

A candidate must have registered by filing the nomination form and fee before he/she expends any funds on a campaign or accepts any contributions.

All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that candidates and electors with disabilities are able to receive information and copies of election documents in a format that takes into account their disability. The format may be agreed upon between the requester and the Town Clerk.

Please direct all enquiries to the Clerk/Returning Officer. Further information and forms are available on the Town's website at [www.town.forterie.on.ca](http://www.town.forterie.on.ca)

DATED AT FORT ERIE this 6th day of February, 2014.

Carolyn J. Kett, A.M.C.T.,  
Town Clerk/Returning Officer  
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## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2014

OCTOBER 27, 2014

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Invitation to Apply for Appointment to Niagara Compliance Audit Committee - 2014 Municipal Election

[www.niagaracomplianceaudit.ca](http://www.niagaracomplianceaudit.ca)

Recent amendments to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* require all municipalities and local boards to establish a Compliance Audit Committee by October 1 of an election year.

In compliance with the Act, the municipalities and school boards of the Niagara Region have cooperatively worked together to establish the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee.

The purpose of the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee is to:

- Consider whether to grant or reject a compliance audit request made by an elector.
- Where an audit is granted, appoint an auditor and review the auditor's report.
- In light of the auditor's report, decide whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.
- Advise municipal council or school board on the result of a compliance audit request.

Applicants shall have:

- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of campaign financing rules under the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended.
- Demonstrated knowledge of quasi-judicial or administrative tribunals.
- Availability and willingness to attend meetings throughout the Niagara Region.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Preferences shall be given to applicants that have related experience in law, accounting, local government or academics from related fields.

The term of the Committee will commence in 2014 and continue through to 2018. Municipal Election Candidates have until 2:00 p.m. on March 27, 2015 to file their Financial Statements. Any requests for a Compliance Audit will occur after that date. While Compliance Audit requests for the 2014 Municipal Election must be submitted by June 25, 2015 (or extended through a supplementary filing), a by-election could result in the need for the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee to sit during the term of Council or School Board.

Remuneration and appropriate mileage is under review. Training will be provided.

Applications, and further details on the Niagara Compliance Audit Committee, are available through [www.niagaracomplianceaudit.ca](http://www.niagaracomplianceaudit.ca) or at your Municipal Clerk's Office.

Applications will be received by the undersigned up until Friday, August 22, 2014.

Carolyn J. Kett, A.M.C.T.,  
Town Clerk/Returning Officer  
Town of Fort Erie  
905-871-1600, Ext. 2211

# Veterans honoured

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

## Soldiers remembered

Some of Fort Erie's veterans of the War of 1812 may have been forgotten, but the Heritage Arts Legacy has identified them.

After two years of searching, the local organization has identified 42 soldiers in 12 cemeteries that will be honoured with a military service and plaques at their grave sites.

Four ceremonies to honour these veterans have been scheduled for Aug. 24, at Ridgeway Old Cemetery, and other ceremonies on Sept. 7, 14 and 21 at 1 p.m.

The Heritage Arts Legacy began searching for veterans through the War of 1812 Veteran Graveside Project, according to legacy member Ruby Smith.

The veterans' names will be included with thousands of War of 1812 veterans in a

**Who:** The Heritage Arts Legacy

**What:** The organization will honour Fort Erie's lost veterans of the War of 1812 as part of a national War of 1812 Graveside project

**When:** Aug. 24, Ridgeway Old Cemetery, and continuing to Friends Cemetery; Sept. 7,

Coloured Cemetery, St. John's Cemetery, Pioneer Cemetery; Sept. 14, McAfee Cemetery, Greenwood Cemetery, St. Paul's Cemetery; Sept. 21, Plato Cemetery, Zion Cemetery, Graham Cemetery.

All ceremonies will be held at 1 p.m.

**Why:** To highlight the sacrifices soldiers made.

database to be preserved for future generations.

The project is meant to raise awareness for those people who have sacrificed their lives to fight in the war which helped build the foundation for Canada as it is known today.

Smith said the project hon-

ours the graves of veterans of the War of 1812 nationally, which is something that has never been done before.

The Heritage Arts Legacy formed a committee and met weekly at the Fort Erie Public Library to research old records including land titles, birth certificates, death cer-



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

From left, Sharon Dell, Darla Towe, Ruby Smith, Florence Everett and Bill Everett stand beside the Forsyth stone at St. Paul's Church. They were responsible for identifying Fort Erie's War of 1812 veterans for the War of 1812 Veteran Graveside Project.

tificates and other information available to track down and identify Fort Erie's veterans.

Smith said the committee also relied on information from the Fort Erie Historical Museum.

In order for a veteran to be

recognized, the committee was required to learn the date and death of the soldier, his grave site and his history including his last rank.

Smith is encouraging people to attend if one of their relatives is among the 42 soldiers that will be recognized.

If family and friends plan to attend, she is asking they call her at 905-871-3839 to let her know.

For more information about the War of 1812 Veteran Graveside Project, visit online at [www.1812veterans.ca](http://www.1812veterans.ca), [sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca](mailto:sarah.ferguson@sunmedia.ca)

The Heritage Arts Legacy will honour the following veterans in a grave side ceremony:

- John Baxter
- Adam Beam
- Josiah Bearrs
- Jacob Benner II
- Phillip Benner
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- William Buck
- William Cregar
- Joseph Danner
- John Edsall

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- John Miller
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- John Moore
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- Christian Plato II
- Peter James Plato
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## MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2014 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – ELECTION PERSONNEL

The Town of Fort Erie is currently recruiting for personnel to work at the Polls on Voting Day, October 27, 2014. We are currently accepting applications for the following positions:

<b>Poll Supervisor (\$215.00)</b> Responsible for management of a polling place; supervises workers; oversees the proper set-up, conduct and closing of the polls; maintains peace, order and security of the voting place; calls in election results.	<b>Deputy Returning Officer (\$190.00)</b> Manages an assigned portion of the voters' list; accounts for electors who have voted; verifies voter identity; issues and accounts for multiple ballot types.
<b>Vote Tabulator Operator (\$190.00)</b> Responsible for the operation and security of the vote tabulator and ballot box(es); responsible for producing the Election Results Report at the close of the poll; assists electors whose ballots are returned by the vote tabulator as improperly marked or defective.	<b>Revisions Clerk (\$165.00)</b> Assist voters with completion of application to amend the voters list and administrators oaths, affirmations and declarations; works with ward/ poll maps to determine elector's proper voting subdivision; ensures applications are complete and approves application if satisfied the amendment is proper.
<b>Relief Deputy Returning Officer (\$165.00)</b> Provides temporary relief to any voting location DRQ, Vote Tabulator Operator or Revisions Clerk on Voting Day or Poll Supervisor.	<b>Stand-by (various) (\$85.00 to 75.00)</b> On stand-by at home on Election Day to fill in for any of the election positions (except Poll Supervisor) on call in.

All election personnel must attend election training session(s) which are currently scheduled for the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>.

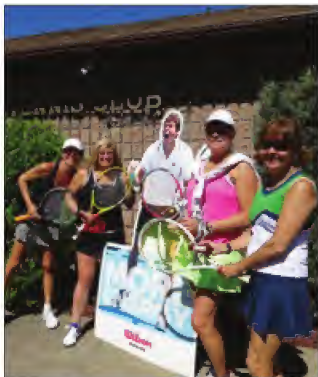
Preference will be given to those persons with previous municipal election experience. Application forms and full job descriptions are available at Town Hall and on-line at [www.town.forterie.ca/pages/ElectionEmployment](http://www.town.forterie.ca/pages/ElectionEmployment).

All applications must be filed in person at the Clerk's Office. Completion of an election-related test is mandatory.

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## Survey reports increasing health costs related to dental care

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

According to Bridges Community Health Centre, 53% of people have not seen a dentist in the last year.

The statistic comes from a recent survey from

the centre, which advocates for publicly-funded dental health services for low-income adults and seniors.

Bridges conducted the survey to gain a better understanding of the state of health and dental care in local communities in the Niagara Region includ-

ing Fort Erie.

Of the findings, it was discovered that only one in 10 survey respondents receive or have private dental coverage, and dental care of two in ten respondents is received in Ontario emergency rooms.

"This comes with a hefty cost," Rhonda Barron, health promoter, says.

The Ministry of Health and Long-term Care reports 1908 visits to Niagara Health System emergency rooms in 2012, costing close to \$1 million.

"It's sad to say," Barron says, "but missing teeth can often be a barrier in finding a job. It erodes your self-esteem. For some reason our policy makers don't take into account the human and financial consequences of the mouth being excluded from our health care system."

Bridges Community Health Centre will be releasing the rest of the findings this fall to local stakeholders, decision makers and politicians at a Community Dental Health forum in hopes to raise awareness for public funding of dental health for low-income and senior residents of the Niagara region.

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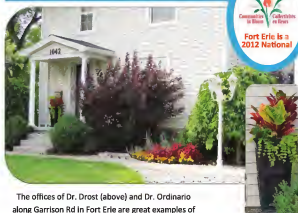


Josh Cudmore came to Charlene Heckman's rescue last week when she lost her car keys after visiting friends for a coffee at McDonald's Restaurant on Garrison Rd. Cudmore searched through several garbage bags before finding Heckman's keys. "I've done it before, and I'd do it again in a heart beat," Cudmore says. "You'd be surprised how often it happens. People leave their keys on their tray and actually throw them out without noticing it."

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# In The NEWS

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# Richard Berry runs for mayor's seat to 'make a change' at town hall

**Sarah Ferguson**  
Fort Erie Times

Former councillor Richard Berry thinks there's a lot of work to be done in the Town of Fort Erie.

The Ridgeway resident, who owns and operates an excavating and heavy machinery contracting company, has decided to run for the mayor's seat in the Oct. 27 municipal election.

Berry served as Ridgeway councillor for 12 years in the 1990s.

Berry said his family has "been around" Fort Erie for many years and he enjoys calling this town his home.

He said there a lot of problems he hopes to correct if he is elected mayor.

"I wasn't going to run but we have to take our town back," he said.

Berry said the Town's taxes, water bills and roads are a major concern for him.

"Especially the roads. They are like cow paths," he added.

Berry believes "there is

no appreciation for architecture" in Fort Erie. He said he'd like to see dollars spent on improving the facade of buildings.

Berry said he is disappointed in some areas in Fort Erie where buildings are left vacant and in disrepair. He feels the town needs to be spruced up and residents should take pride in their community.

"Take Niagara-on-the-Lake for example. You can't build anything unless it conforms to what is already there."

Berry also believes there needs to be more awareness for seniors in the community and policies need to be put in place to support Fort Erie residents who are living out their golden years in the community.

If he is elected, the first order of business will be moving the mayor's office to an easily accessible location for the public to access.

"When you walk into town hall, the first thing you should see is the mayor's office. The mayor shouldn't

be hidden away in the back of the building."

Berry said "there is no reason" why property taxes can't be dropped by 30%.

"This town is on its last legs and taxes are killing people everywhere," he said.

"Businesses receive no support. We need businesses to hire local and we need to help them."

Despite his health problems, Berry is prepared to serve as Fort Erie's mayor.

"I'm up for the challenge, even if it kills me," he said.

"If you want to change things, you have to run for council and make a difference."

Berry was banned from town hall in 2012 when the former councillor received a trespassing order after a heated conversation with a town employee.

He said he isn't afraid to speak his mind, and that's what happened when he was banned from town hall.

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**SARAH FERGUSON** Fort Erie Times

Ridgeway resident and former councillor Richard Berry has his sights set on the mayor's seat in the upcoming Oct. 27 municipal election.

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# Former councillor Shawn McCooley runs for mayor

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

Shawn McCooley wants to be elected mayor of Fort Erie because he wants to improve his hometown.

"I am running for mayor because I care," he said.

The 57-year-old briefly served on council as a representative of Ward I in 1993 but he retired after 89 days.

"I got sick so I had to step back from council but I got a lot done in almost 90 days," he said.

During his time on council, McCooley said he made a positive impact for his constituents by improving a sidewalk shovelling bylaw and supporting local youth groups.

Although he doesn't have a lot of experience on council, McCooley has more than 20 years of experience attending Niagara College's continuing education program, which he says has given him a wide range of knowledge and experience.

"I've had many jobs throughout the years. I've been everything from a cab

driver to a part-time faculty member for Niagara College for three years," McCooley said.

McCooley has about nine diplomas and certificates that will "stand up beside anyone else's resume."

The lifelong Fort Erie resident said there are problems with his hometown and if he is elected, the first thing McCooley will oversee is the completion of a demographic study.

"We don't have an accurate idea of what this town needs and I think council needs to identify the issues before reacting. We need a long-term solution, not a quick fix."

McCooley also suggests looking to other municipalities in Niagara to find solutions for the town's problems.

"When it comes down to it, I don't think we need to reinvent the wheel. We need to look at other municipalities to see what is working," he said.

McCooley said a community's downtown core is vital to the health of a town.

"We need to look at our

downtown areas and if we don't do something about them, we're in trouble."

One way to encourage growth in a community is to promote density.

To promote density, McCooley said there needs to be programs in place for affordable housing.

McCooley said he's "just a regular guy" from Fort Erie who served with the Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit and the Fort Erie Jaycees.

McCooley's opponents include former councillor Richard Berry, former Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce president Dean Demizio, former councillor Anne-Marie Noyes, Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero and former mayor Wayne Redekop.

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SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Former councillor Shawn McCooley hopes to represent the Town of Fort Erie as mayor following the Oct. 27 municipal election. His opponents include Richard Berry, Dean Demizio, Anne-Marie Noyes, Stephen Passero and Wayne Redekop.

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# Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero 'passionate' about Fort Erie

Sarah Ferguson  
Fort Erie Times

Stephen Passero is proud to call Fort Erie his home.

That's why he's hoping to become the next mayor of Fort Erie.

"We are thrilled that we are able to establish our roots here," Passero said about himself and his wife Kerry Passero.

"There is no other community we would rather live in and contribute to."

Passero announced his candidacy for mayor at the Clarion Hotel last week and



Stephen Passero

outlined his campaign platform in front of a room filled with 200 people.

After "long consultation and encouragement from residents, business owners, and leaders," Passero said he decided to run for the mayor's seat in the Oct. 27 municipal election.

He said he's learned a "tremendous amount" during his first term as Ward 1 councillor.

Passero is proud of the "day to day things" that don't make the paper.

"I like meeting with the constituents about the

problems they face and finding solutions to them at town hall."

Passero said "municipal politics is the most local level of government."

"It's the one where you can affect change in your community. It's the one that has the greatest impact on day-to-day lives."

Passero believes the key to fiscal responsibility lies in "to spend" our way out of problems.

"We should invest our way into prosperity. We need to support our investors, both new and existing."

When it's budget time, Passero said council needs to be "cognizant of budgets that look at the decade ahead, not just 365 days ahead."

Passero described himself as an advocate for fiscal responsibility. He said increasing the taxation base is the only path that is sustainable.

"We need more people calling Fort Erie home, and that means more development," he said.

"Some think that responsible development is any development that doesn't

take place close to them. That's not realistic. What is realistic is that every opinion should be counted, and every opinion should be contemplated."

If elected as mayor, Passero will "place emphasis on public consultation" and work to "fully inform all affected residents on any development being considered."

"If the slots-at-racetrack program returns, or other gaming initiatives are introduced," Passero said there "must be an emphasis on a partnership where the majority of benefits are directed toward the track and the Town."

"I would propose that council contemplate a Community Development Fund where a percentage of the dollars generated through gaming initiatives be set aside in a reserve, where the principal amount is never touched, and only the interest accrued can be utilized," he said.

A key concern for Passero is a lack of signage along the QEW to alert motorists that they are entering the Town of Fort Erie.

Last year, Passero said he

initiated a process to implement Gateway signage so motorists would see "Welcome to Fort Erie" signs on their travels.

"It is said that a business is no business without a sign, and a town is no different," Passero said.

With the Canadian Motor Speedway planned to be built in Fort Erie, Passero said the town "needs to be positioned to take advantage of the increased tourism potential."

Passero feels he is up to the job representing the Town of Fort Erie because he said he is "in touch with all major projects and stakeholders."

"I have experience in today's economic climate, and the issues currently facing our town," he said.

"(If elected) My first couple of months won't be spent getting up to speed. It will be focused on speeding things up."

Fort Erie has been Passero's "passion for the past decade" and he's been involved with a number of committees and organizations. Passero was president of the Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce from 2010 to 2012, and president of the Ontario Shorewalk Association from 2007 to 2010. He's also involved with the Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie and is the chairman for the biannual Black, White and Red Gala.

He's also been an advocate for reopening the Kinsmen Pool. Passero said there is a possibility of reopening the pool in time for next summer.

Whether or not he is elected, Passero doesn't intend to give up his commitments to local organizations and communities.

"I have a very supportive wife who is as equally as active in the community as I am and that allows me the time to support all of these initiatives," Passero said.

"Although it's my face attached to many of these causes, there are dozens of people supporting these events in many different capacities," he added.

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**STEVENS, William H. "Bill" or "Pop"** - Passed away peacefully from this life to be reunited with his loving wife Gladys Irene "Irene" (Lung), and their dear best friends Bruce and Del McElroy, Predeceased by his parents Robert and Mary Stevenson of Fort Erie, his older brother Robert "Bob" Stevenson and his wife Jean of Fort Erie, his younger brother John "Jack" Stevenson and his wife Allen "Liz" of Guelph, his sister Marjorie "Marnie" Stevenson of St Catharines, his daughter-in-law Brenda Stevenson of Black Creek, his brother-in-law Harry Simpson of Fort Erie and nephew Donna Stevenson of Fort Erie. Loving father of Randy Stevenson (Helen Potter) of Black Creek and his daughter Kim Tavano (Joe) of Chippewas, grandfather of Tricia Byrne, Rob Stevenson, Bill Stevenson (Amy), Tania Byrne (Joe Tamburri) and Steven Byrne. He was known as POPs by everyone but specially James Potter (Jessica), Bob Potter (Luanne) Logan Potter and Dave Potter (Brooke) of Black Creek and also to Rosemary Stevenson and Stephanie Stevenson. He is survived by his nieces Barbara Stevenson, Pam Cheveller (Mike) and their children Nicholas, Christopher, Carley Jean and Patrick, his sister-in-law Millie Simpson and her children Rory, Kevin and Lisa, and brother-in-law John and Jeannette Long and their children David and Michael and many cousins in St Catharines and Paris Ontario area. Bill was born on August 3, 1932 in Fort Erie a member of the St Pauls Anglican Church attended Douglas Public School and Fort Erie High School joining the Lincoln and Welland Reserve Force a Canadian Veteran and served with the 46th Highlanders of Canada, "B" Company, 1st Canadian Highland Battalion, 27th Infantry Brigade Group and received the Special Service Medal for his service with NATO in Germany. On returning to Canada, Bill resumed his employment with the Canadian National Railway and retired after 35 years as Manager Border Operations for the Great Lakes Region. Bill was a member of St John's Anglican Church, Ridge Parish, for many years. Bill was a member of Scouts Canada for over 20 years, first in Kitchener as a Beaver Leader and then when the family relocated to the Black Creek area he joined the Stevensonville Scouts as a Beaver Leader. When the Black Creek Scout Group was formed Bill transferred to this new group as A Beaver Leader and then he became a Group Committee Member and was the Treasurer for a number of years. Bill's greatest love was his family, he enjoyed gardening, cooking and hunting. Bill was delighted in sharing his many adventures with Irene, his family and friends especially the good times at the farm on Black Creek Road. The funeral service was held at WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME Ridgeway on Wednesday Aug 6, 2014, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St John's Anglican Church, Ridge Parish, or a charity of your choice.

**HARKINS, June Marie** - June passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Maple Park Lodge on Wednesday July 30th, 2014. Loving wife of the late Keith Garnet Harkins. Proud mother of Andria Winslow, Rosemary Selvestri, Jennifer Reimann, Barbara (Rick) Hubbard and Dan (Lori) Harkins. Cherished grandmother of 14 and great grandmother of 12. She will be sadly missed by her brother Sid (Teen) Rose and her extended family and friends. Predeceased by her sons in law Guy Salvatori and Paul Reimann. We will remember Mom for her love of animals and the enjoyment she got while tending to her garden. Special thanks to the staff at Maple Park Lodge for caring for Mom in such a dignified and professional way. BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Private interment services will be held at Greenwood Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Fort Erie SPCA would be appreciated by the family.

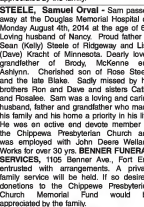
**STEELE, Samuel Orval** - Sam passed away at the Douglas Memorial Hospital on Monday August 4th, 2014 at the age of 64. Loving husband of Nancy. Proud father of Sean (Kelly) Steele of Ridgeway and Lisa (Dave) Kracht of Minnesota. Dearly loved grandfather of Brody, McKenna and Ashlynn. Cherished son of Rose Steele and the late Blake. Sadly missed by his brothers Ron and Dave and sisters Cathy and Rosalee. Sam was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather who made his family and his home a priority in his life. He was an active and devoted member of the Chippewa Presbyterian Church and was employed with John Deere Welland Works for over 30 yrs. BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A private family service will be held. If so desired, donations to the Chippewa Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated by the family.

**LATZ, Marjorie Donna** - Passed away peacefully at Gilmore Lodge, Fort Erie on Tuesday July 29, 2014 at the age of 78 years. Beloved sister of Rae Berton, Dear friend to Jan & Doug Amato. Predeceased by her parents Louis and Merton Latz. Marjorie was employed in the Main Office at the Crystal Beach Amusement Park for 22 years. May she rest in peace. WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES, 722 Ridge Rd. North entrusted with arrangements. A service to celebrate Marjorie's life will be held in the chapel on Tuesday August 5th, at 1 pm, with interment to follow at Elmira Cemetery, Kenora, USA. Those who wish may make a memorial donation to the Fort Erie SPCA.

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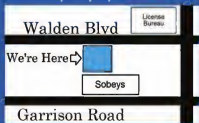
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